

In the Claims:

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1. (original) A method for producing bent snowmobile studs,
the method comprising:

providing a stud having a head and substantially straight
shank;

providing a head engagement member for holding the head
relative to the shank;

providing a shank engagement member for contacting the
shank, pivotally engaging said shank engagement member with said
head engagement member;

engaging the stud head with the head engagement member;
engaging the shank with the shank engagement member; and

mechanically moving the head engagement member and the shank
engagement member with respect to one another such that the shank
is bent.

and removing said head engagement member and shank engagement member from said stud
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bent shank
defines proximal and distal axes, the proximal and distal axes
forming an angle between about 15° and 30°.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the proximal and
distal axes form an angle between about 20° and 25°.